

WOMEN AND THEIR WAYS

AMERICAN women are already in possession of some rights that women of other countries have not yet attained. An American woman's property and salary are not subject to her husband nor taxable in payment of his obligations. In France the society for the legal emancipation of women are now endeavoring to arrange matters so that the French husband will not have the management of his wife's affairs. As the law now stands, the wife has no control of her own earnings, and the husband can squander his wife's as well as his own property with impunity. However, even the leaders of the movement do not think the time has come for reforming the latter condition in France. It is small wonder that foreign women find America the woman's paradise in comparison with their own countries. It is said by the committee who have been arranging the great woman's congress that the women of other countries have much less money to spend, and are not as self-reliant in travel, because they are rarely able to get away from their cares and duties at home.

Emeline Prescott of Maine deserves first place in the ranks of women who have pronounced ideas on dress and the courage of their convictions in wearing them. Miss Prescott cuts and makes all her suits, each requiring about 10 yards. She has house trousers and street trousers, and wears over them a sack reaching to the knees and a short jacket, all of the same material—gingham in summer at home and wool in winter. In each sack there are eight pockets. She is a genius in all kinds of sewing and piling wood, and no novice in carpentering. She is a poetess as well, and has had several poems published which are striking and unique, like the writer.

The women of Chicago university will have delightful homes when the stately row of graystone buildings on the campus are finished. The houses resemble the other building outwardly in their Norman Gothic style of architecture, but inside, where there are only plain study and sleeping rooms for the men, the homes for the gentler element of the university have octagonal corners and circular and hanging windows, with parlors and reception rooms and private dining rooms, for the occupants of each dormitory will dine together and not mingle in the halls of the commons among the university men.

General Booth has nominated his daughter, La Marchale Booth-Clifford, to succeed him in command of the army, though he has a son who would, according to the usual order of succession, take his father's place. But the old general says that "Women are the best rulers. If you refer to the capacity shown on several occasions by Queen Victoria you will agree with me that she acted while her admirers were seeking how to act. I am arranging that the work of saving human souls may go on after my death."

Elizabeth Cady Stanton is nearly 77 years old, but in spite of her age her energy and hopefulness and interest in every phase of life and thought are unbounded. Besides writing books, addresses and leaflets, she finds time to practice every day at the piano, and has learned much new music during the past year. She makes cakes and dainties for the table, too. She says she never has an ache or pain, and could get about as sprightly as ever, if it were not for the injury she received in England.

At the university of St. Andrew's, Scotland, which one year ago opened its gates to women, the women have secured the second place in English literature, the first in Latin, the first in Roman history, the fourteenth in Greek, the seventh, the twelfth and the fifteenth in first mathematics. As the classes consist of 70 or 80 students each, the honor of being among the first 12 or 16 is of some value.

At the ateliers or academies of M. Julian in Paris, where men and women have separate studios under the same teachers, the women are obliged to pay 100 francs where the men pay only 50 francs. The women have no extra privileges or superior instruction. It is simply a tax on the women, who are obliged to submit to it because they cannot get the instruction any other way.

A recent act of congress provides for the establishment of the American University at Washington, the great university in contemplation by the Methodist denomination which is to be educational throughout. Of the 45 incorporators three are women, Mrs. John A. Loeb, Mrs. Matthew Simpson and Mrs. Elizabeth J. Somers.

By the will of the late Katherine Perkins of Boston, Harvard College will receive \$100,000 for a dormitory known as Perkins hall, and the Harvard annex also is enriched some \$10,000 or \$20,000, which will be of great help to the women in securing from the college the degree promised when sufficient funds have been raised to cover the expense incurred in establishing the department.

At a farewell banquet given by the bar of Bloomington to our new minister to Belgium, one woman sat among the interpreters of the statute, Effie Henderson, a bright and successful lawyer in active practice like her brothers at the bar. Verily the world moves, and the woman's side is getting round into the sunlight.

The duchess of Edinburgh speaks and writes five languages—English, Russian, German, French and Italian. All the royal women of Europe are accomplished in the beaux arts of culture and not a few of them have attained a degree of erudition in the languages that a college graduate might envy.

The original of H. Rider Haggard's terrible and ageless beauty, "She who must be obeyed," is, or rather was, the first wife of the English novelist, who was divorced from him, and is now living with her third husband on the Pacific coast. She was a Miss Carroll of Baltimore.

The Vassar Junior society had a debate on woman's suffrage, and no one could be found to support the negative who believed in it. There were but three girls in the class of '94 that were opposed to the suffrage for women.

Mrs. Alma Tadema has a studio adjoining her husband's. Her's is mediaeval in character, with Delft china and Dutch pictures. Tadema's rooms are luxuriously decorated in Roman style.

Mrs. William Walter Phelps, wife of the American minister to Germany, has crossed the Atlantic 64 times.

At McGill college in Montreal, which is co-educational, eleven women are this

year taking a degree of B. A. out of a graduating class of thirty-nine. Of the eleven graduating in the class with honors six are women, and out of the five medalists three are women.

The queen of Roumania (Carmen Sylva) is gaining strength daily and making rapid strides toward recovery, to the relief of her anxious and devoted subjects.

Mme. Modjeska has educated and named five nephews and nieces.

Her Perilous Mission Accomplished.

Mme. Kramer, the Polish patriot, who lives on Long Island, and was prevented from accompanying the supplies sent to Russia last year on account of her political principles, has since then made the trip and accomplished her secret mission, notwithstanding the fact that every member of the Russian police was on the lookout for her. The companion she engaged proved to be a female spy in the employ of the government, but she was bribed with silence by Mme. Kramer giving her all her money and diamonds, and St. Petersburg was at last safely reached, where nihilist friends helped the brave lady on with her mission. The men who think women lacking in diplomacy and secrecy in the management of political affairs should know more of the achievements of these Slavonic women who sacrifice home and country and wealth, even life itself, in support of the cause they espouse.

Advantages of Bryn Mawr.

Bryn Mawr college has been called the women's John Hopkins, for her requirements are high, and she is one of the few colleges that will not accept certificates of scholarship except the certificate from the Harvard examination for women, and this is counted only so far as it may cover the ground. Although the college has been in existence but eight years, 20 per cent. of her graduates are engaged in post graduate work. In each graduating class the student whose scholarship is highest receives \$500 to enable her to pursue her studies for a year in some foreign university. Nine fellowships are also in the gift of the college, and no department in the institution is open in which post-graduate as well as under-graduate work may not be obtained.

Vassar's Greek Play.

Professor Greenough of Harvard, the accomplished Latin teacher and author of text books, has listened to a rehearsal of the Greek play to be given by the Vassar students, and has complimented the young women highly on their work. The originator of the idea is Miss Leech, the professor of Greek at Vassar, and the libretto, both in Greek and English, has been prepared by her. When the great Grecian wrote and staged his plays no women were allowed on the Athenian stage, and the noble type of womanly devotion and womanly courage embodied in Antigone was interpreted by the youths of Athens. The play has been in course of preparation since last autumn, and the young actors are very proficient with their lines and stage business.

Hospitality in Russia.

It is the custom of Russian ladies to receive their dinner guests in a reception room warmed by great open fires, and then to offer each lady a gorgeously embroidered fur cloak or robe to slip on during the courses of the dinner should the decollete dinner dress prove too cool. Polish ladies open a luxurious little room filled with divans for weary guests to rest upon, if they feel that their tired nerves require repose before entering upon the ordeal of a long Russian dinner. People that have traveled in the czar's domain testify that Russian hospitality is the most magnificent in the world, and that the banquets given in St. Petersburg and Moscow are unrivaled in splendor in Paris or London.

CONNUBIALITIES.

Cadby—I'd like to marry Miss Riche on one account. Faddy—What is that? Cadby—Her bank account.—*Harvard Lampoon.*

"A widow with three married daughters wishes to hear of a suitable husband for her youngest. References: Her three sons-in-law."

When a married man discards cigarettes, cheroots and his meerschaum and takes to a clay pipe, he is considered to be in the seventh age of the wedded state.—*Chester News.*

Carrie News—I understand Clara Vane had quite a dot when she married young Deckerbocker. Young Hyson—Yes, but they cut such a dash the first year they were married that there is nothing left.—*Truth.*

"Did Mrs. Dudderson cry when her daughter married old Boodell?" "Yes, poor thing. It was tough to bring up a daughter and then at the age of 21 have her cut her mother out."—*Harper's Bazar.*

Houston—Congratulate me, old man. I was married yesterday—Mrs. Morley. Bleeker—Mrs. Morley? Why, her third husband has just died. Houston—Well, you don't suppose I would have married her if he hadn't died, do you?

The following queer advertisement appeared in a Georgia paper lately: "W. S. A. requests us to state that he has a son, a very likely young man, who is desirous of forming a matrimonial alliance. All communications will receive prompt attention."

A young woman stopping in San Diego, Cal., recently came from the East to California, fell in love, married, settled down, broke up housekeeping, lost her husband, and resumed her maiden name all within the last month. Her husband, during the same time, left his situation, met and married the girl, changed his name twice and disappeared to parts unknown.

Jack—How are you going to spend the summer? Tom—I'm going to put it in traveling from one summer resort to another until I find a girl worth a million or two who wants to be loved and married for herself alone.—*Truth.*

William Thomas Sterling, aged 71, and Miss Anna Reed, aged 23, both of Bethel, Pa., were married at Youngstown, Ohio, last week. Sterling said: "Notwithstanding my wife is young and I am nearly 75, it is a pure love match. I work for a living, so that she was not attracted by any promise of a fortune."

Mr. Amsterdam married the sister of his deceased wife after he had been a widower about a month. A friend who has been absent some time asked him for whom he was wearing a mourning band on his hat. "For my poor sister-in-law," replied Amsterdam, swallowing a big lump.—*Times Dispatch.*

Convicts Refuse a Peerage.

When Mrs. Henrietta Briggs Wall was painting her large canvas, "Woman and Her Political Peers," for the fair, she found considerable difficulty in securing a picture of a convict for the contrasting group. In the center of this peculiar category is a life-sized portrait of Francis E. Willard; above and to the left is a

likeness of an idiot, to the right is represented a convict in his prison garb; below is an American Indian on one side and on the other an insane person.

For the Inner Man.

"And now, my good woman," said the learned man who was applying for board, "will you be pleased to inform me for the benefit of myself and family, what the gastronomic possibilities of your table are, that there may be no future misunderstanding on that point. What do you have upon your board three times a day in the shape of sustenance for the inner man?"

Then the landlady, rising to her feet and putting her arms akimbo, roared out in a strictly commercial voice: "Vittles!"—*Detroit Free Press.*

Modern Architecture.

Visitor—What is that heavy, gloomy-looking building over there? Resident—That is a theatre and pleasure resort.

Visitor—And what is the graceful, airy, Gothic structure to the right? Resident—That is the jail.—*Chicago Record.*

Experientia Docet.

"You see that young couple in front of us? Well, they're just married."

"How do you know?" "Because he treads so carelessly on the skirt of her dress."

"But that is no sign."

"Oh, yes it is. He'll be much more careful as soon as he finds out how much her dresses cost."—*Fliegende Blätter.*

\$70—Chicago and Return—\$70.

Seventy dollars to Chicago and return via the Great Northern railway, on account of the Columbian exposition. Effective May 4. For full particulars call at the Great Northern ticket office, 105 Main street.

A Gentleman

Who formerly resided in Connecticut, but who now resides in Honolulu, writes: "For 20 years past, my wife and I have used Ayer's Hair Vigor, and I attribute to it the dark hair which she and I now have, while a number of our acquaintances, ten or a dozen years younger than we, are either gray-headed, white, or bald. When asked how our hair has retained its color and fullness, we reply, 'By the use of Ayer's Hair Vigor—nothing else.'"

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